

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. This application has been amended to comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b). Omitted matter is shown in brackets. Added matter, relative to the original patent is shown as underlined. Claims previously added for the reissue, but not canceled are denoted as canceled. Claims previously added for the reissue but not canceled or amended are denoted as new. The original Claims 1-8 in the original patent have not been amended.

The specification has been amended to reference application number 08/240,798. The abstract of the disclosure has been amended to reduce its length to less than 150 words. The original patent is enclosed herewith. A supplemental declaration by three of the inventors on behalf of themselves and the fourth inventor (who has not been found) is also enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(c) a separate paper containing pages separate from the pages containing the changes, the status (*i.e.*, pending or canceled), as of the date of the amendment, of all patent claims and of all added claims, and an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims.

Claim 1-8, 15, 17-22 and 24-28 are allowable over the prior art of record. Consideration of this application and allowance thereof are earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned Attorney for Applicants, Jeannette Walder.

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